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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 14, 2009

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Sir:

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the Office action dated April 14, 2009. In view of the following, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office action identifies two patently distinct groups of claims, namely, claims 1-47 (Group I), and claims 48-67 (Group II). Applicants hereby elects Group I (i.e., claims 1-47) for further prosecution in this case *with traverse*. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement because this is a national stage of a PCT application which has already been examined by the USPTO. Further, as shown in Exhibit A, *the USPTO has already found all claims 1-67 to be patentable*. Thus, *as already ruled by the USPTO*, all claims 1-67 are patentable and there can be no burden on the Examiner in

allowing all claims 1-67 at this time in accordance with that prior ruling. This case should be passed to issuance without further PTO delay.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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